



ARMY COMPATIBLE USE BUFFER PROGRAM

ACUB

FORT DRUM ACUB



The Army Compatible Use Buffer (ACUB) program creates land conservation partnerships between the Army and outside organizations to protect land from development that is incompatible with the military mission.

INSTALLATION BACKGROUND

Fort Drum consists of 107,265 acres located in the northern region of New York state. The mission at Fort Drum includes commanding active component units assigned to the installation, providing administrative and logistical support to tenant units, support to active and reserve units from all services in training at Fort Drum, as well as planning and support for the mobilization and training of almost 80,000 troops annually.

The 10th Mountain Division is currently based at Fort Drum. Designed for rapid deployment anywhere in the world, the 10th Mountain Division is a light infantry division of the U.S. Army serving under the XVIII Airborne Corps. The unit's specialty involves fighting efficiently in harsh conditions.

Fort Drum's ranges, training areas and facilities are essential to the New York Army National Guard to meet readiness objectives and federal training requirements. The properties that neighbor Fort Drum have historically served as noise and over-flight buffer zones for the installation. Fort Drum and the surrounding lands contain an abundance of wetlands and grasslands which provide valuable habitat to a wide range of wildlife, including several species of waterfowl. In recent years these lands which were once characterized as rural are showing potential for acceleration in development due to increased use of Fort Drum. Additionally, range expansion on the installation provides a greater need for the protection of ecosystem functions off post to ensure wetlands are maintained and species have the land they need to survive. It is essential that Fort Drum retain their existing inventory of training and maneuver lands so that present and future training requirements are supported.

For more information

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OBJECTIVE

The objective of the ACUB program at Fort Drum is to preserve the current character around the installation and avoid development that would challenge the installations mission and training activities. Through the use of conservation easements along with the acquisition of development rights from willing landowners, the ACUB project at Fort Drum is preventing incompatible changes in land use and protecting the wildlife habitat adjacent to the installation.

PRIMARY PARTNER: NEW YORK DUCKS UNLIMITED

The mission of Ducks Unlimited is to conserve, restore, and manage wetlands and associated habitats for North America's waterfowl and other wildlife species. This includes facilitating the preservation of open land to prevent its development. Ducks Unlimited and the Army have formed a partnership to fulfill the goals and objectives of the ACUB program by cooperatively protecting, developing, restoring, enhancing and preserving land adjacent to Fort Drum including wetlands, uplands and waterfowl habitat. For more information on New York Ducks Unlimited, visit <http://www.ducks.org/states/55/index.html>.



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